

Samuel E. Kalama Intermediate School Community Council Meeting

November 19, 2018 at 4:00pm in the Library

AGENDA

Call to Order by: 4:02 by Arielle

Attendees: Tim Shim, Arielle Axelrod, Courtney Arnold, Danielle Hartwick, Bella Collins, Devon Hardy, Jennifer Mahuka, Konane Parsons, Joy Au, Jamie Gomer, Sarala Dandekar

Cannot Attend: Shannon Spicola

Approval of September meeting minutes: reviewed meeting minutes

*Kalama Cares-29 people in attendance with food (other community events) and 2nd Kalama Cares(April) has better turn out, Survey for wants and needs of parents and check with feeder schools about events for calendar dates and have RSVP, Math workshop was most attended

*954 projected enrollment for next year, Hawaiian Immersion program will almost double along with larger 6th grade class

*Additional funds: alarm system will be upgraded (2 times vandalized in last 2 weeks), Hired 2 paraprofessional tutors (lunch activities)-and additional adult monitor- has been a decrease in scuffles

*Math Interrichment- levels are doing different activities (math activities, I-ready), Staff is interested in changing the period

*update on Spookfest---big hit and many in attendance, \$8000 for volunteer recognition and King K scholarships

*Now we have a PTO(503c) and wanting national so we can collect from Amazon as well- PCNC will discuss ways to use the PTO and get the word out

* will be starting Junior National Honor Society (next semester)--Pairing peer tutors to show how they contribute to the school community, GPA dependent- Annual school yearly dues (\$385)-perhaps can use Spookfest Funds to support

Committee Reports:

1. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- a. Waiver Days- Complex request (2 days)- Challenge to find a day that will meet all school needs (K-12), Learning walk? Kalama will also like 2 school days (1 after Halloween due to challenges with student behavior and 1 other day to work with other Middle schools on Maui for professional development- powerful teaching practices with 4 Habits-engage students in learning), SCC will vote in Spring when days are decided
- b. Teacher positions based on the needs and growth of Kalama-school is growing as well as class sizes, What should we be offering to help students

(on top of ELA, Math, Science, PE?)? Student suggestions include Photography, Coding/Computer Science, also Drama, Dance, World Languages,

Making vertical alignment for King K(computer, drama, languages, woodworking, auto mechanics/makerspace)- having King K do a day performance to engage elementary/middle school students

- c. Direction of the school and how we can address the needs of our students and community-- Aspirations exercise...
 - i. Aspirations - Healthy school lunches, work on laws to help support local fruits and vegetables, safe place, kids aren't disrespectful to each other and everyone, caring, excited/engaged learners, friendly and fun, happy teachers, all students have learning needs met (enough staff and funding), source of community pride, better communicating students (be open, not fighting), welcoming, accepting of any questions, safe place/spot to hang out, goal-oriented, K-12 alignment, alternative, positive peer pressure
 - ii. Challenges - supporting vulnerable population, disrespectful students, empowering all students, bullying, repeat behaviors, students without support groups, no safe space, staff to support safe spaces, giving attention to negative behaviors rather than positive behaviors, short staff/staff calling out, money, time, large student achievement gaps, fixed mindsets, past history and misconceptions, students less engaged, students not supported at home and bringing challenges to school, finding the time for alignment for K-12, small minority of students with challenging behaviors, negative behaviors may be reinforced/accepted at home, peer mediation/habits of self-management, need for advisory for students to be able to self-regulate better, hard to engage students and parents, geographic challenges (largest area in the state), $\frac{2}{3}$ of students are bussed (participation in afterschool activities)
 - iii. New Conditions- Sat.morning principal's academy-1/month to work with challenging population/family, student resiliency, mindset changes, cultural norms(expectations of better behaviors), service learning opportunities (to support positive behaviors), dedicated time for peer communication/teaching positive behaviors, digital citizenship, stronger parenting, involvement from community organizations, teaching parents how to protect students with digital safety (blocking sites, etc.)

2. TEACHER REPORT

- a. Inclusion is still in process-- 80% of SPED students included in general education, supporting struggling students

3. PCNC REPORT

- a. Vaping-How big of a problem is this at Kalama? A very big problem for 8th grade, 6th grade not seen as much as a problem, Community-wide epidemic
 - i. What is being done to prevent this--easy access, students are getting access from home (given/taken from parents), being sold to others...if this is a big problem, why is there not information out to parents
 - 1. Within the school--student handbook (contraband), confiscate from students and turn in to school resource, provide articles through Kalama e-letter, health classes and assemblies, moving to text to tip, students are being given articles once they have been caught/ Student reports how sad it is that we have to label contraband(guns, toys, vaping) especially just being in middle school, Kalama parent newsletter with questions about how to talk to your student/questions you can ask your student
 - 2. Legally--not alot of legal that we can do, can only take away

4. PARENT REPORT

- a. Astronomy class entering the rocket in Science Olympiad--wanting more parent participation

Agenda Calendar Items

- 1. Next meeting: Monday, January 28th at 4:00pm

Adjournment Time: 5:50 pm